

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.

The July Session Opened Monday Afternoon.

The new board of supervisors will meet for the first time at the court house in this city on Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock. The first thing to be taken up is the election of a chairman and the contest promises to be quite interesting, inasmuch as the names of a half dozen popular supervisors will be presented. Among those talked of as candidates for the position are Andrew Lynch, Henry Gunn, W. W. Taylor, Henry Mayo, John Miller, of Freedom, Wm. H. McIntire, Allen and M. O. Laughlin, of Brookfield.

The following is a correct list of the supervisors comprising the new board: A. N. Anderson, Adams; Gustav Breining, J. L. Lauber, Peru; Charles H. Belrose, Dayton; Henry Bowen, Seneca; Levi Carr, Ophir; John J. Conerton, Dimmick; Ira Conover, Utica; L. W. Davidson, Earl; Frank P. Donlevy, Wallace; Charles T. Dowling, Meriden; Joseph Duffy, John McLaughlin, Jas. Burkhardt, La Salle; F. W. Eades, Wm. Hall, Adolph Mueller, Bruce; U. S. Ellsworth, Deer Park; John Ferguson, Troy Grove; Albert Grandsen, Northville; Henry Gunn, Eden; S. A. Hall, Vermillion; Lacey Hibbs, Grand Rapids; Albert L. Irwin, Manlius; Newton Inus, Wm. Truman, Mendota; Andrew Lynch, W. W. Taylor, Christ Walter, P. J. Dougherty, Ottawa; John Wylie, Waltham; Bart Maher, Eagle; Henry Mayo, South Ottawa; Isaac Mason, Otter Creek; John Miller, Freedom; Wm. H. McIntire, Allen; M. O'Laughlin, Brookfield; James E. Phillips, Hope; J. A. Quinn, Mission; Wm. M. Read, Farm Ridge; G. Reinhard, Richland; C. G. Spencer, Miller; I. H. Trowbridge, Rutland; A. L. Trumbo, Fall River; Fred K. C. Verneer, Osage.

THE BOARD.

Before the new board was called to order yesterday afternoon there was a mighty running together of members and some of the country wires received unwelcome jerks. Henry Gunn wanted to continue as chairman and made no secret of his desire. He wanted it bad, or why did he whisper in such staccato accents? He and his lieutenants were very active. They needed activity, for a storm had blown up from the Streator coal fields and the gathering clouds seemed to portend anything but a snap for them from Tonico.

Indeed, the anti-Gunites were "on their ear" so to speak. The Hon. Henry was whispering accused of clannishness and rank favoritism in his appointment of committees last year, and of putting men on certain committees, whom he knew to be incompetent, for the purpose of controlling the matters coming before these committees. These and other objections were urged against Gunn and a dozen men were suggested as his successor. Among the more prominent of these were Messrs. Eades, Mayo, Truman, McIntire, Lynch and Miller.

The board was called to order by Clerk McKeon at about 2 o'clock, though the anti-Gunites used delaying tactics in order to give Messrs. Sauer and Reinhard, who had not arrived, further time.

When the board finally came to order, Mr. O'Laughlin moved an informal ballot for chairman. It resulted:

INFORMAL BALLOT.

Henry Gunn.....	17
Fred Eades.....	14
Henry Mayo.....	7
W. H. McIntire.....	2
Wm. Truman.....	1
John Miller.....	1
Total.....	42

The faces of the anti-Gunites lit up with hope and they cheered faintly when the first formal ballot was announced.

FIRST BALLOT.

Henry Gunn.....	21
Fred Eades.....	16
Henry Mayo.....	6
Wm. Truman.....	1
Total.....	44

This was evidently the full strength of the board and as Sauer and Reinhard had not yet arrived the second formal ballot was not cheering.

SECOND BALLOT.

Henry Gunn.....	22
Fred Eades.....	22
Henry Mayo.....	6
Wm. Truman.....	1
Total.....	51

Gunn was elected on the third ballot by a vote of 23 to 21, one of the Eades men having been persuaded to flop.

Mr. Eades did the graceful by moving a unanimous vote, which was carried.

The question of drawing lots to decide which of the supervisors shall serve two and which one year was discussed and finally given into the hands of a committee consisting of Messrs. Ferguson, O'Laughlin, and Mayo, who are to report this morning upon a plan for drawing lots.

A discussion arose upon rule 20, which requires that reports and resolutions must lay over one day before they can be acted upon. Several prominent members considered it a very foolish rule, as it was merely an impediment to business, and upon motion of Mr. O'Laughlin, a committee consisting of the chair and Messrs. O'Laughlin, Anderson, Lynch and Mayo was appointed to report a code of rules.

The board adjourned until 9 A. M. Wednesday.

After the minutes of the previous session had been read by the clerk the report of the special committee on drawing for one and two year terms was presented by Mr. Ferguson of Troy Grove. The plan proposed was to have 32 tickets, each representing a township, one-half labeled first-class and the other half second class. Those drawing the former to serve one year terms and the latter two year terms. The report was unanimously adopted and the following were elected for two years each:

Anderson, A. N., Adams; Breining, Gustav, Peru; Belrose, Chas. H., Dayton; Davidson, L. W., Earl; Dougherty, P. J., W. W. Taylor, Ottawa; Gunn, Henry, Eden; Hall, William, F. W. Eades, Bruce; Hall, S. A., Vermillion; Hibbs, Lacey, Grand Rapids; Irwin, Albert L., Manlius; Inus, Newton, Mendota; McLaughlin, John, La Salle; McIntire, Wm. H., Allen; O'Laughlin, M., Brookfield; Mayo, Henry, South Ottawa; Wylie, John, Waltham; Trumbo, A. L., Fall River; Verneer, Fred K. C., Osage; Sauer, C. G., Groveland; Spencer, Chas. E., Miller; Trowbridge, I. H., Rutland.

The one term men are: Phillips,

James E., Hope; Quam, J. A., Mission; Read, Wm. M., Farm Ridge; Reinhard, G., Richland; Lauber, J. L., Peru; Lynch, Andrew, Christ Walter, Ottawa; Maher, Bart., Eagle; Dowling, Chas. T., Meriden; Duffy, Joseph, Jos. Burkhardt, La Salle; Bowen, Henry, Seneca; Carr, Levi, Ophir; Conerton, John J., Dimmick; Conover, Ira, Utica; Mason, Isaac, Otter Creek; Miller, John, Freedom; Mueller, Adolph, Bruce; Ellsworth, U. S., Deer Park; Ferguson, John, Troy Grove; Grandsen, Albert, Northville; Truman, William, Mendota.

It was moved and seconded that all bills be referred to the appropriate committees and the motion carried.

The following resolutions presented by Mr. Lynch, was referred to the committee on judiciary.

Resolved, That the county attorney is hereby directed to commence suit against all persons whose property is forfeited for non-payment of taxes within thirty days after such forfeitures.

Resolved, That the neglect of the county attorney to commence suit as directed by the foregoing resolution shall be deemed sufficient cause for his removal.

Two other resolutions, one on board meetings and another on county officers were read and referred to the judiciary committee.

Resolved, That there shall be but one adjourned meeting of this board which shall be held on the second Monday of February next, A. D., 1891.

Resolved, That the committee to settle with county officers be and they are hereby instructed to employ experts at an expense not exceeding five dollars per day to assist them in making such thorough examination of the books and accounts of the county officers whose term of office expires December next, as will develop the actual condition of such books and accounts and to report to the board at its regular meeting in September.

A resolution on toll roads was referred to road and bridge committee. It is as follows:

Resolved, That we hereby appoint Elias Trumbo, Martin Flaherty and Basil Green inspectors of toll roads as provided by law.

The special committee on rules reported a set of rules but little different from those in use last year. Rule 20 was entirely omitted however.

Mr. Read thought rule 20, about which so much had been said at the previous session, should be added to the list. After a half hour's discussion Mr. Read's motion was carried by a 22 to 20 vote.

The chair then announced the following standing committees for the year:

Finance—Eades, McIntire, Lynch, Mayo, Bowen.

Court House and Jail—Grandsen, Walter, Belrose.

Public Buildings—Burkart, Dougherty, Phillips, Carr, Mueller.

Equalization of Lands—McIntire, Grandsen, Trumbo, Phillips, Hibbs, Davison, Conerton.

Equalization of Lots—Verner, Irwin, Conover, Maher, Sauer, Hall (S. A.), Belrose.

Equalization of Personal Property—Wylie, Lauber, O'Laughlin, Read, Trowbridge, Miller, Inus.

Abatement—Anderson, Donlevy, Hall (S. A.).

Township Organizations—Lauber, Bowen, Truman, Maher, Lynch.

Roads and Bridges—Irwin, Duffy, Phillips, Hibbs, Reinhard, Read, Anderson.

Paupers—Read, Anderson, Wylie, McIntire, Dowling.

Miscellaneous Claims—Donlevy, Ferguson, Conover, Truman, Reinhard.

To Settle With County Treasurer—Quam, Breining, Spencer.

To Settle With Supt. of Schools and Coroner—O'Laughlin, Trowbridge, Hall (Wm.).

To Settle With Sheriff—Ferguson, Quam, Dougherty.

To Settle With County Clerk—Spencer, Verner, Inus.

To Settle With Recorder—Breining, Dowling, Mason.

To Settle With Circuit Clerk—Ellsworth, Burkhardt, Davison.

To Settle With Probate Clerk—McLaughlin, Conerton, Mueller.

Fees and Salaries—Ferguson, O'Laughlin, Quam, Spencer, Ellsworth, McLaughlin, Breining.

Coal and Gas—Taylor, Eades, Carr, Mines and Mining—Duffy, Walther, Hall (Wm.).

Judiciary—Bowen, Taylor, Mayo.

To Settle With State Charitable Institutions—Truman, Miller, Mason.

Stationery—Trumbo, Taylor, Sauer.

Mr. Donlevy presented a resolution requiring all platform scales to be tested and a report made at the next session of the board. The resolution was handed the Judiciary Committee.

A petition from the highway commissioners of LaSalle, asking that the county pay one-half the cost (\$11,000) of repairing the bridge over the Illinois river at LaSalle, was referred to the Road and Bridge Committee.

The resignation of county engineer Mark Duffy will be accepted when his successor is appointed.

The election of a county engineer will be made a special order of business for Thursday morning at 10 o'clock, and the Fees and Salaries Committee was authorized to fix the salary of the county engineer.

The board then adjourned to 9 o'clock Thursday morning.

MORNING SESSION.

The Board met at 9 o'clock Thursday morning and held a three hours' confab, electing Charles Evans, of Streator, as county engineer with a salary of \$1,000 per year. They refused to allow Drs. Weis, Hatheway and Dyer more than \$20 each for the post-mortem on the body of David Moore, who was murdered June 23d in Allen Park.

A report from the committee on equalization of lots was read and adopted. The following changes were made on the lot assessment for 1889:

Deductions—Peru, Earl, Eden, Mission, 2 per cent each; Utica, Otter Creek, Vermillion, Farm Ridge, 5 per cent each; Bruce, Manlius, La Salle, 1 per cent each.

Additions—Ottawa, 2 per cent; South Ottawa, 10 per cent.

The committee on fees and salaries reported on the salary of the county engineer, fixing same at \$1,000 per year, payable monthly. The report was adopted.

The committee to settle with school superintendent recommended the payment of bills amounting to \$364.75.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We are authorized to announce Ebenezer Barber as a candidate for the office of sheriff, subject to the decision of the Democratic county convention.

Mr. Stockdale's salary amounted to \$400, from March 15 to July 15, 1890.

The committee on Public Buildings presented the names of Michael Brady, Benton Delano, Oscar Ayers, Jas. Dillon, Henry Tollman, Samuel Smith, Daniel Murphy, and C. D. Evans as candidates for the position of county engineer, with proper recommendations. The committee recommended that one of these applicants be selected by ballot.

The fight for first place was warm and pointed. Some of the members wanted to drop the two receiving the lowest number of votes but were declared out of order. Motions and counter-motions were made and finally the report of the committee was acted upon, and it was decided to proceed to a ballot.

FIRST BALLOT.

Chas. Evans.....	14
Oscar Ayers.....	7
Henry Tollman.....	6
Benton Delano.....	1
James Dillon.....	6
Daniel Murphy.....	6
Michael Brady.....	1
Blank.....	1

There being no choice another ballot was taken.

SECOND BALLOT.

Charles Evans.....	16
Daniel Murphy.....	9
Oscar Ayers.....	8
James Dillon.....	5
Henry Tollman.....	3

THIRD BALLOT.

Charles Evans.....	22
Daniel Murphy.....	8
Oscar Ayers.....	7
James Dillon.....	5

Mr. O'Laughlin—I understand Mr. Evans has not been a resident of this county more than three months. Can we legally elect him?

Mr. Eades—He has been a resident of this county only a few months but I don't know the law in such a case.

Mr. Mayo—There is no law requiring a man to live in the county one year before he can occupy a position under that county. This is not an elective office but is the same as a hired man.

Mr. Evans was then declared duly elected county engineer.

The bills of Dr. Hatheway, Weis and Dyer for \$50 each for holding a post-mortem on the body of David Moore were presented in open board by Mr. Donlevy, of the Miscellaneous Claims Committee.

Mr. Taylor explained the contract made by the doctors with the State's Attorney on the day the post-mortem was held, remarking that this was not the only service they would have to render. As soon as a physician makes a post-mortem he becomes a witness and must appear before the coroner's grand and petit juries.

Mr. Mayo coincided with Mr. Taylor and thought the bills were not exorbitant.

Mr. Gunn did not favor paying the surgeons for what they expected to do in the future and did not think it a sufficient reason for departing from the practiced rule of the board. He moved to amend by paying each \$20.

Mr. Eades said the board was in duty bound to pay the bill.

Mr. Taylor—Let each supervisor take to himself what he should do under the circumstances in this case.

State's Attorney Blake was called on for an explanation and said the case could not be prosecuted without a post-mortem and it was absolutely necessary to hold it, regardless of price.

Mr. Donlevy did not believe in going back on an old rule established by this county.

The county attorney was asked to explain whether or not the county can pay for expert testimony in criminal cases and stated the county could pay witnesses if they desired but nothing is said about experts in the statutes.

"This board has fixed \$20 as the price paid for holding a post-mortem but there are some difficult cases which may be worth more and in this case \$50 is a reasonable compensation."

Mr. McLaughlin—Any citizen of this county is compelled to make sacrifices, but I am not in favor of giving the physicians any more for their work than the common citizen.

Mr. Conover—I don't think the state's attorney should be handicapped in this case and am in favor of paying these bills.

Mr. Lynch—There is no question in my mind but what the physicians can collect this bill and we are wasting time in this discussion.

Ex-State's Attorney Mayo thought the bills were reasonable and should be paid.

Mr. Eades—These men were not witnesses until they made the post-mortem. They came involuntarily and can collect the bill.

Mr. Lynch—Is there any member of this board that would make himself a witness in a criminal case at a great loss to himself?

Mr. McLaughlin—Any man who will not testify in a grievous crime, when he knows something about the case, is not a good citizen.

Mr. Lynch—The gentleman from La Salle is a very intelligent gentleman, but he does not understand the difference between a voluntary act and a forced act.

The county attorney stated that the county was obliged to pay the bill.

The amendment was adopted by a 26 to 14 vote.

Mr. Lynch moved a reconsideration for the purpose of getting the opinion of the county attorney.

Mr. Irwin moved the motion to reconsider be laid on the table but the motion was lost.

The board then adjourned to 2 o'clock.

Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session was short and to the point.

Mr. Lynch moved that the vote, by which it was decided to give but \$20 to the physicians in the Moore case, be reconsidered, but the motion was lost.

Petitions for a correction of assessment were presented from A. Hoffman, of Mendota; C. C. Prentice, of Utica; J. D. Cahill, of Peru; and C. W. Esmond, of Utica. All were referred.

After making the matter of swamp land a special order for 10 o'clock Friday morning, the board adjourned.

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